



UCC MISSOULA

Firearm Policy

Resolution to Declare University Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Missoula, Montana A Firearm-Free Zone

WHEREAS, the traditions of Christianity have taught that God's church is a place of safety and sanctuary.

Whereas the United Church of Christ, of which we are a member, has a long history of advocating peace.

Whereas University Congregational Church, United Church of Christ seeks peace for its preschool students, parents, teachers, staff, parishioners and visitors.

Whereas our conviction as a people of faith calls us to be peacemakers in a world in need of peace;

Whereas scripture calls us to seek to create a peaceable kingdom - a society where God's justice reigns, where reconciliation replaces anger, where an open hand and a turned cheek replace retaliation, where love of enemies is as important as love of neighbor and love of self.

Whereas the Church Cabinet is the governing body or authority of this place of worship.

THEREFORE, it is resolved that University Congregational Church, United Church of Christ of Missoula, Montana is declared a firearm free zone.

Except for authorized certified law enforcement personnel acting in the performance of their duties, University Congregational Church, United Church of Christ chooses to not permit firearms of any type to be carried on the person of anyone on the grounds or in any of the buildings of the church property.

Adopted August 23, 2016 by University Congregational Church (UCC of Missoula), United Church of Christ Cabinet